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# TORCH

Fall 2002

**For Christ ... For Others ... Forever**



# The Way We Do the Things We Do



**F**or Christ ... For Others ... Forever is our theme for this academic year, my 25th year as president and the 115th in Cedarville's history. This theme was the vision of our five Reformed Presbyterian founders in 1887. And it resounded in 1953, as the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland moved to this campus. James T. Jeremiah, Don Tyler, Harold Green, Bob Rohm, and Bob Gromacki are names on a long list of Cedarville leaders who have been committed to this theme.

We take the Great Commission seriously and delight in the opportunity to prepare men and women to reach their world for Christ. As I have often said, "We will never reach a world for Christ from the pulpit." It must be done every day in every place from the pew to the pulpit. A Christian liberal arts education reinforces this belief.

In chapel, I often share accounts of students leading others to Christ. The student body always erupts in applause. In the opening chapel annually we ask our students with unsaved parents or grandparents to stand so that we can offer our prayers for these loved ones. Throughout the year, as reports of these loved ones' salvation come in, we praise God for answered prayer. At graduation, we focus on our seniors and their unsaved family members and friends. The glorious gospel of Christ is preached and the challenge to repent goes out. Our seniors desire to have each person realize that Christ is all that is needed.

Evangelism and discipleship have been my heartbeat since the Lord saved me as a high school senior in 1956. Before I became president, Mrs. "D" and I would have college men in our home once a week to disciple them and encourage them to build into others' lives. Discipleship continues today throughout our student body. Our director of discipleship ministries is responsible for teaching discipleship and encouraging our students to be involved in this ministry—and hundreds are.

*For Christ ... For Others ... Forever* has been a Cedarville emphasis for decades. By God's grace it will always be the heartbeat of this campus and of our alumni. You participate in this theme, too, by your support of Cedarville University and your prayers for God's blessing upon the administration, faculty, staff, and student body.

Paul Dixon, President

## Follow the Romans Road to Salvation!

### Romans 3:10-11

*As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God."*

### Romans 3:23

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

### Romans 5:8

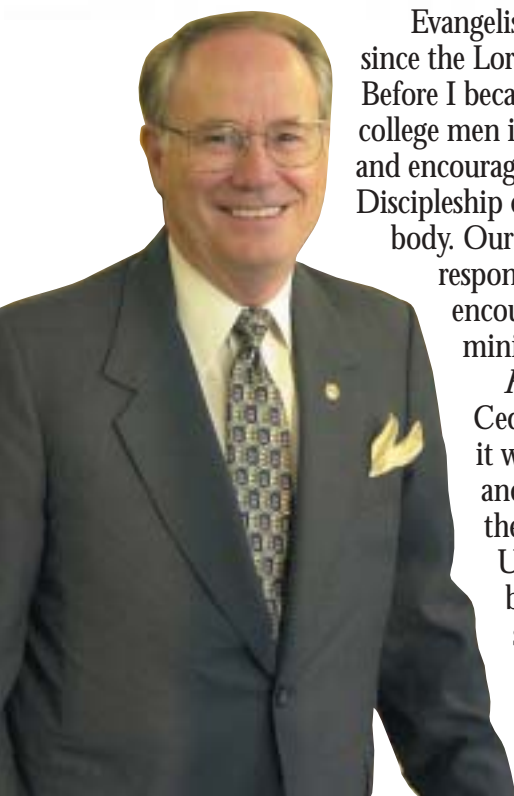
*But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

### Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### Romans 10:9-13

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*



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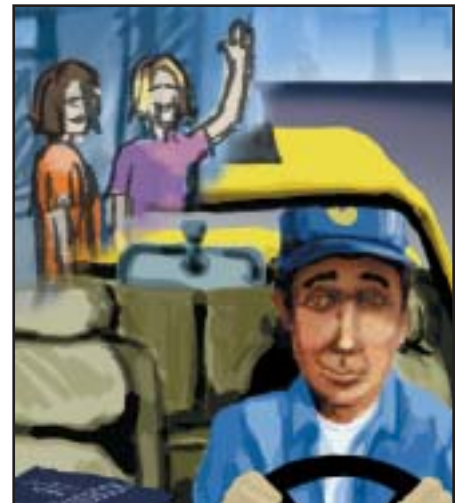
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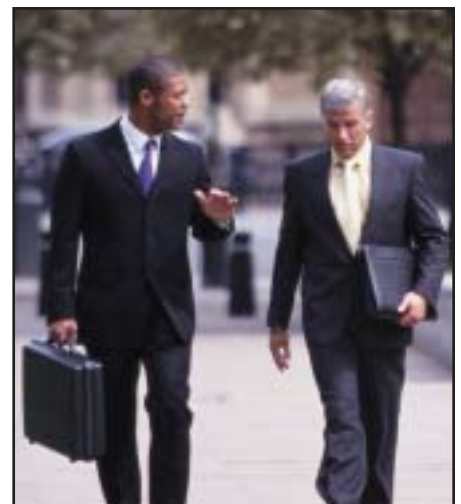
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# ***Using Our Opportunities***



***by Brittany Waggoner***

***My mother has an innate fear of taxi drivers. Every time we have to hail a cab, she tenses up, and the anxiety spreads across her face. She is always worried that they'll drive us into an alley full of thugs, steal our money, or wreck the cab (the latter option being the most realistic).***

One sticky New Orleans afternoon, my mom and I were in town for a speaking seminar. I flagged down a beat-up Astro van that had been converted into a taxi. The Hispanic driver helped us with our luggage, and we were on our way. Mom sat stiffly on the edge of the tattered bench seat as I started a conversation with the driver, who seemed to be quite distracted by something. After a few questions to break the ice, the man was sharing with us all of his problems. He told us about how his small family was struggling financially due to his slow business and his wife's enrollment in pharmacy school.

In no time, we pulled up to our hotel. Mom and I quickly gathered our bags and figured out the man's tip. We both felt horrible for this man's circumstances, but there was little we could do other than pray for him. By the time I hauled our oversized bags into the lobby, I realized that my mother was still outside with the driver. "That's odd," I thought. "She can't stand taxi drivers."

I ventured back outside to see my mother handing the man her only copy of *The 911 Handbook* by Kent Crockett. This Christian book was designed to help readers deal with all types of disappointments. One of its chapters was titled, "When You Need God to Provide." I was a little shocked to see my mom, who will barely get into a cab, handing a cab driver one of her favorite possessions. She took a business card from the man and started towards the lobby door. I followed closely behind, thinking about what she had done. A week later when our seminar was done, my mom called the same man to take us back to the airport. He seemed to be greatly encouraged, and when he said goodbye to us at the airport, he added, "God bless you." Mom taught me that day that

we cannot let our weaknesses keep us from our God-ordained opportunities. She had not only given him an encouraging book that contained the gospel message, but she had also called him to drive us to the airport to help him out with his slow business. She saw an opportunity and she used it.

## **Opportunity Glasses**

Each person we encounter in our lives represents an opportunity for us to share God's love, whether it be a person sitting next to us on a plane, a sales clerk at a department store, or a homeless person begging for money. People equal opportunities.

Some of our greatest opportunities come from relationships that we have maintained for years, but in this article we will look at the opportunities we have with strangers. First, we must change our perspective. That waitress or tollbooth operator isn't just another person there to serve you. She or he is a short window of opportunity for you to shine the love of Christ upon them. Mother Teresa said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." In our busy lives we often rush from one job to another without regard to those around us. We see things, money, and jobs, but rarely do we see people. We must ask God to give us "opportunity glasses" to see the people around us that we can touch.

## **How to Use Your Opportunities**

### **1. Look for Opportunities**

Once we have adopted a new way of seeing the world through opportunity glasses, we must learn how to use the opportunities that we are now seeing. First we must look for opportunities. Opportunities to

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care about people and spread the love of God will appear when we look for them.

One activity that I loved as a child was looking at hidden pictures with my parents. In the children's magazine *Highlights*, there is always a picture that has many items hidden within it. If you look at the page straight on, you may find one or two items, but most of the time you have to look at the next page, which shows you what the hidden items look like. Once you have an image in your mind, it is much easier to locate these items in the picture. So it is with people. Unless we see people as the precious opportunities they are, we are likely to miss out on our chances to serve God.

Imagine that God has a giant control panel that coordinates all of the work that He wants done on earth. We, as His children, are His agents of light commissioned with the job of sharing His love with others. Although we do not receive assignments the same way a secret agent on earth would, the Lord does direct our steps if we are walking in obedience to God's Word (Proverbs 3:5-6). As we go about our lives, imagine the angels with headsets telling God, "Someone needs your love, and we have someone in the area." You or I could be in a grocery store when we find someone who needs God. We could be in a theater starting a conversation with the person sitting next to us. We will miss many assignments if we fail to look for them.

## 2. Listen to People

It is so hard to find a good listener. Do you ever feel like the person you are talking to isn't genuinely interested in what you are saying, but that they are just waiting until their turn to talk? Being a sincere listener will immediately set you apart from the majority of people.

Asking relevant questions and listening to the answers will allow the strangers around you to share their hearts. John Maxwell shares in his book, *Becoming a Person of Influence*, "If you show people how much you care and ask questions in a non-threatening way, you'll be amazed by how much they'll tell you."<sup>1</sup>

My father taught me this lesson during a family vacation when I was 13. My family flew to Minnesota for a week-long vacation that would include visiting the largest mall in the United States, the Mall of America. The mall is so large that it takes several days to cover all of the stores and sights. On the third day, Dad and I decided to explore the small theme park that is in the middle of the mall (Yes, it is that big!). I left Dad on a bench while I stood in line for the roller coaster. A few moments after I left, a tall, unshaven man sat down next to my father. My dad said hello and started chatting with the man. My father is a very good listener, and the man started sharing with my dad all of his frustrations. The man had just been fired and was angry with his former employer. Though my father wasn't expecting this encounter with the man, he did recognize it as an opportunity. He shared his faith with the man and reassured him that he would be praying for him.

About that time, I finished my ride and began walking toward the bench where my father was sitting. As I approached my father, I noticed the very expressive man intently talking to him. I wasn't sure what was going on, but as I walked up I gave the man a big smile and my dad a searching look. I could tell that the conversation they were having was an important one, so I quickly dismissed myself to another ride. The frustrated man left soon after I did, but not before pulling a gold locket out of his coat for Dad

to give to me. It was the man's way of thanking Dad for his advice and attention. As we walked away from the theme park, Dad and I looked at each other with a look of "Did that really happen?" We were amazed that the man valued a listening ear so greatly. That day I came away from the mall with a few life lessons and one gold necklace. My hope is the man left knowing that there were at least two people who cared about him.

## 3. Learn How to Help

As we begin to listen to the needs of people around us and share God with them, we must also demonstrate kindness as often as we can. Florence Littauer shares in her book, *It Takes So Little to be Above Average*, "Average people often say, 'If there is anything I can do, let me know.' Above average people do something specific. Use your creativity to custom-make your kindnesses to fit the needs of people."<sup>2</sup>

When I was 15, I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Jamaica with my youth group. Most of our trip was spent ministering at orphanages and doing construction, but my favorite part of the trip was the night we participated in street evangelism. As we arrived at the dark corner of a little mountain village, there were Jamaican men hanging around with huge knives slung around their shoulders. As we began unloading from the van, we saw prostitutes and people doing drugs all around the block. We passed out tracts and Bibles for a while until we had nothing left. Then a local pastor began speaking at the edge of the corner as a crowd slowly gathered.

I immediately was drawn to the many children playing about the street. They had not seen many Americans and were very curious about how we spoke and even the



texture of our hair. Soon I had nine children sitting on and around me as the pastor continued. The children did not want to hear the speaker, but were more interested in hearing about me.

Because one of the boys was named Jonah, I took them aside and began telling them the biblical story of Jonah. I realized during the telling of the familiar story that I had never been happier. Here were little ones all around me begging to hear about God. How lucky I was to serve Him. When it was time to go and the children began to scatter, two little girls would not let me go. They clung to my skirt and hands. I had brought nothing with me to give or leave, but I had to show them I cared in some way. I couldn't do much, but I had to do something. I took out my hair clip and took off my beaded anklet. I gave one to each of the wide-eyed little girls. They were filled with joy.

When people come into our lives and we make a connection, we must strengthen the connection by doing something specific for them. Maybe you could write a letter, send a book, or take them to dinner. They will never forget your kindness. You may never see them again, but your opportunity continues to grow after you are gone.

## The Greatest of These

Above all else, we must learn to love the people that God allows into our lives. Shortly before Christ was to be crucified, He had this to say to His disciples: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35). It is our love for people that will make a difference in our world. Unless we demonstrate Christlike love, our opportunities are worthless.

All people need and want love, and they'll do many things to get it. In his book, *You Can Win with Love*, Dale Galloway shares a story about a little boy who would do anything for love.

*It was a cold Sunday in Chicago and Dwight L. Moody's Sunday school was operating as it did every Sunday. Arriving late in the morning was a little boy whose legs were blue from the bitter cold of the wind blowing across Lake Michigan. His coat was tattered and torn and pulled together at the top with a safety pin. Johnny had no hat on his head to keep him warm and wore worn-out shoes with holes in the bottoms without any socks. Taking the boy in her arms, the Sunday school greeter began to massage the boy's half-frozen legs to stimulate circulation. Then sitting the boy down at arm's length, she asked him where he lived. When the little boy told her, the lovable Sunday school greeter quickly calculated that the boy had walked more than two miles, one way, across the windy city of*

*Chicago, on a bleak January morning, to attend the Sunday school of Dwight L. Moody. "Why did you do it?" asked the friendly greeter. "There must have been a dozen churches that you walked past to come here. Why did you do it?" The little boy was a little shy, and he hesitated a moment then blurted out, "I guess, ma'am, it is because they love a fellow over here." <sup>3</sup>*

People just like this boy are wandering around the earth looking for God's love. We must be ready to help. If we love whomever God puts in our path, our opportunities will multiply. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people ..." (Gal. 6:10a). **1**

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<sup>1</sup>Maxwell, John (1997). *Becoming a Person of Influence*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 94.

<sup>2</sup>Littauer, Florence (1996). *It Takes So Little to be Above Average*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 263, 265.

<sup>3</sup>Galloway, Dale E. (1976). *You Can Win with Love*. Irvine, CA: Harvest House Publishers, 162.



Cedarville University senior Brittany Waggoner became a published author when her book *Prayers for When You're Mad, Sad, or Just Totally Confused* was released by Vine Books in September 2002. A broadcasting major, Waggoner desires to encourage and motivate Christians, especially teens, through a ministry of speaking and writing.

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**I**s our personal brand of Christianity—by that I mean the manner in which we live out our faith—a noun or an adjective? What? What difference, other than the normal classroom definitions of those two words, could that possibly make? Numerous groups, like the Christian “whatever” Association, or the Organization of Christian “you fill in the blanks” operate throughout the world. Notice that in each of those cases, the word “Christian” modifies, as an adjective, whatever noun that follows it—plumbers, chimney sweeps, wild animal wrestlers, whatever. Could it be that we have fallen into the practice of having

God just plug in where we think He would best fit? Perhaps we should understand, instead, that all the other things in life should really modify that which He has called us to do—be Christians (noun) who just happen to be designed (by Him) to be good plumbers, chimney sweeps, etc. “Christian” should be the subject of the sentence of our lives, not the modifier of the other things we do to complete it. The grammatical way we use the term “Christian” implies that we have impaired notions about marketplace evangelism.

When missionaries begin preparation for a field assignment, one of their first priorities is to study the unique culture of the indigenous people group they hope

to serve. Becoming familiar with the culture, language, communication style, passions, priorities, beliefs, and the parameters of whatever worldview those people hold all contribute to missions planning. It is vital that potential missionaries hone their understanding of their target audience. This understanding makes it possible to create tactical relationship-building approaches to making Christianity attractive to the people with whom they will interact. Preparing for immersion in the targeted culture is best accomplished by bathing the mission in prayer and strategizing on ways to make the gospel relevant and authentic to those in that culture.

# Developing A Marketplace Missionary Mentality

by Lew Gibbs

The same process is necessary to becoming an effective “marketplace missionary.” It is vitally important for us to study the unique culture of those with whom we would be interacting in the marketplace. We must grasp the issues facing this unique culture and deal with them in a manner that demonstrates a compassion-driven life of integrity and honesty. We need to model Christ in our day-to-day actions and lifestyle. Having our lives read as a gospel before men includes being so adept at employing the skills God has given us that people will naturally be interested in pursuing the authenticity and relevancy of the gospel. In today’s society many people are looking for choices and life-paths that work! Some are not yet totally sensitive to the reasons why, but are sure that the life-model that they presently have is not working.

An effective marketplace missionary displays at least five primary characteristics:

## 1. A Passion for the Lost

Why is it that evangelism is such a difficult concept for even the most committed Christian? We have the key to entering the eternal life door, yet many find it difficult to passionately share it. Perhaps the difficulty arises because of an insidious fear. We are afraid of being embarrassed by the potential of not having all the answers that some may require. We find



meeting and greeting people we don’t know way out of our comfort zone. We are afraid of possible rejection, perhaps even ridicule. We are afraid that there may be demands on our personal time!

We need to deal with two words here—passion and fear. First, it’s difficult for many of us to admit to a word like “passion.” We are aware of the many New Testament verses suggesting that we “say ‘no’ to ungodliness and worldly passions” (Titus 2:12), or “not in passionate lust, like the heathen” (I Thess. 4:5), and we tend to reject developing or admitting to positive passions about anything, much less witnessing. However, it must not escape our understanding that one of the dictionary meanings suggests that passions are “strong feelings, dedication.” We need to look at the notion of passion from this perspective—one of well-reasoned,

strong feelings—and dedicate ourselves to the life-changing impact that an encounter with Christ can have on our co-workers and neighbors.

Second, we need to transform our perspective on fear. Although there are many verses like “be strong and of good courage”—we should not fear or be afraid—Scripture also suggests that the opposite of fear is not courage. It is love. In I John 4:18, we find, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear ...”. If we really loved

others, we would not fear making new acquaintances. If we really loved others, we would not fear the exposure of our inadequacies. If we really loved others, rejection and ridicule would not affect us. We should suffer no identity crisis. We should be known as people who care for the poor, the widows, the helpless, children, the prisoners, and the hopeless.

We should have a love—yes, a passion—for our fellow human beings, saved or unsaved. We should determine to exhibit this love in every possible venue, including the workplace, not just at a place of worship surrounded by people of like mind. And we should not be afraid to do so!

## 2. A Nature of Adaptability

Marketplace missionaries must be flexible and adaptable. Adapting to the people, certainly not their practices, is the key! To share



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others' experiences, hopes, and dreams is foundational in relating to our co-workers through meaningful and comfortable interactions. We must make Christ attractive and desirable through our lifestyle. The notion that others can think differently, but not necessarily wrongly, is important to keep in mind. This notion is similar to overseas mission approaches where language can be learned, but most importantly, culture must be understood. We must get to know where the "water cooler conversations" take place and show interest in as many discussions as are possible without compromise.

our Savior attractive" (Titus 2:10). We must be able to transfer the reality of our God to others that He loves, so that they, too, can meet Him "face-to-face" and not be left wanting.

### 3. An Appreciation of Community

Marketplace missionaries find areas of commonality. The workplace environment can be saturated with off-color comments, suggestive innuendos, questionable use of time and resources, and, occasionally, a serious lack of integrity and honesty in communication or practices. Effective marketplace missionaries

complete with some rock-and-roll or country music, do you accept the invitation? Philip Yancey writes, "Christ attended three-day-long wedding feasts, went to dinner at almost anybody's invitation, and had friends ranging from rich people, Roman centurions, Pharisees and tax collectors to prostitutes and leprosy victims,"<sup>1</sup> and He went where they were. Can we do less?

### 4. A Dedication for the Long Haul

The ability to persevere beyond initial rejection or even disdain is another characteristic necessary for the effective marketplace missionary. Understanding that to be "salt and light" requires that there may be some tensions when lifestyle differences are manifested, Matthew 5:11 suggests that we rejoice when that happens. Over time, friendships develop that help break down communication barriers, allowing discussion of spiritual concepts. Many missionary updates recount the months, or even years, before seeing the first fruit of their labor for the Lord, often after a long period of a "cold reception." We must be prepared to invest—really commit to investing for the long haul. In the grand scale of things, would several months, perhaps years, be worth an eternity with Christ for our friends? Sometimes events created for evangelism may not be as effective as a lifestyle dedicated to an ongoing process. Certainly our co-workers and our neighbors are worth a long-term investment.

### 5. A Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

No combination of the previous four characteristics will have a chance of contributing to effective marketplace mission work unless empowered by



**Others' life motivations may be how much money they can make, how many hours they can work, or how many personal sacrifices they may make to climb the ladder of success. We need to understand their priorities and add salt and light to their life equation.** We need to explain the gospel in language that is understandable to those who don't attend church. We need to use language that is compassionate and non-condescending in delivery, "so that in every way [we] will make the teaching about God

find ways to build upon positive experiences and activities without compromise. Attending off-site or after-hours events with individuals, groups, or co-workers' families is one way to develop meaningful community. Evaluate the balance of time you spend with believers or non-believers. Could spending time with your co-workers at their family barbecue on Sunday evening be more important than attending your Sunday evening service?

When your neighbor has his annual Labor Day pig roast,

# Announcing the New CU on the Road Web Site

The new "CU on the Road" Web site provides very helpful information to alumni, parents, and other constituents regarding when and where Cedarville representatives will be traveling. If you want to meet a Cedarville representative in your area, this is the place to find that information!

Visit the site today to find itineraries for:

- ☞ Dr. Paul Dixon
- ☞ Christian ministry teams
- ☞ Admissions representatives
- ☞ Church and school relations representatives
- ☞ Music department ensembles
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- ☞ Development and career services activities
- ☞ College fairs
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the Holy Spirit. Without an intense sensitivity to the Spirit's leading and direction, we will be unable to live the lives necessary before our fellow workers and neighbors for them to see our good deeds and ultimately glorify God. Philippians 1:27 states, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Ah, there's the rub! The "whatevers" are the challenges that present opportunities in the workplace for us to either be led by the Spirit or succumb to our natural selves and tarnish the worthiness and relevance of the gospel before men. Our workplace lifestyle should demonstrate self-control, a desire to do good, respect for all, and an appropriate fear of and reverence for God. Investing in a day-to-day, long-term passion for developing a positive, Spirit-led, Christ-centered life will ultimately have the best impact in the sphere of our personal marketplace.

If we appropriately make these characteristics a part of our life sentences ...

**A Passion for the Lost**  
**A Nature of Adaptability**  
**An Appreciation of Community**  
**A Dedication for the Long Haul**  
**A Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**  
 ... they will become the adjectives that modify our noun "Christian!" **T**

<sup>1</sup>Yancey, Philip (1995). *The Jesus I Never Knew*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

**L**ew Gibbs became the director of career services at Cedarville in 1996, after serving 31 years with IBM. He is committed to providing Cedarville students and graduates with training in lifelong career-related disciplines. A frequent guest on the radio program "Money Matters," Gibbs is currently partnering with a Cedarville graduate to write a book on character-based hiring in corporate America.

Gibbs and his wife, Sheron, reside in Cedarville. All three of their grown children earned their undergraduate degrees at Cedarville University.





## Cedarville Reaches Another Enrollment Mark



Cedarville University celebrated another enrollment mark as students arrived for the beginning of the 2002-03 year. "We had another record undergraduate enrollment of 2,986 students for the Fall Semester," Roscoe Smith, director of admissions, said. "This is our 12th consecutive record enrollment."

Smith emphasized that the school's fall enrollment will mark the 24th record enrollment in the 25 years that Dr. Paul Dixon has served as Cedarville's president. "Those years include the late 1970s and early 1980s when many colleges and universities suffered declining enrollments due to demographic trends," Smith said.

## First Patriot Day Chapel Honors Heroes

An overflow crowd of nearly 4,000 people packed the Jeremiah Chapel on September 11, 2002 to commemorate what many Americans have come to refer to as "Patriot Day." The ceremony, called "United We Stand: A Patriotic Program of Remembrance, Honor, and Commitment," honored our nation, local firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and military service members through video, patriotic music, and drama. Following the event, attendees had the opportunity to personally thank the firefighters, police officers, and EMTs who were on hand.



## Fall Bible Conference Welcomes Begg

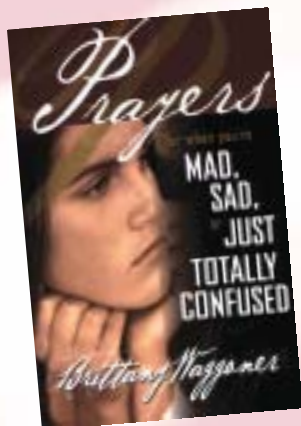
Cedarville University welcomed a student favorite—Alistair Begg—as guest speaker for the August 26-30 Fall Bible Conference. Well-known for his Scottish accent and profound Bible teaching, Begg encouraged listeners on a number of practical topics, including controlling the tongue, having a humble, Christlike attitude, and choosing a godly mate.

Originally from Glasgow, Scotland, Begg is the senior pastor of Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where he leads a congregation of 2,500 and a pastoral staff of seven. Prior to joining Parkside in 1983, he pastored Hamilton Baptist Church in the United Kingdom and also served at Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh.

Tapes or CDs of the conference are available by calling CDR Radio at 1-800-333-0601.

## Student's Book Published

Her goal was to become a published author by age 21. Brittany Waggoner's dream became reality this fall when her first book, *Prayers for When You're Mad, Sad, or Just Totally Confused*, was released by Vine Books five months after her 21st birthday.



It didn't come about exactly the way the Cedarville University senior had planned, but then, some of the best things come in the ways we least expect.

As a high-schooler in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., Waggoner volunteered to host a Christian television talk show for teens. A passionate desire to teach and encourage young people blossomed in her because of the experience. "Kids have the mentality that they are going to start God's work *after* they graduate," she explained. "I encourage them to never wait on ministry, but to see what they can do *now*."

Waggoner headed to Cedarville as a broadcasting major determined to propagate these concepts. She decided to write an energetic book for teens, but ended up landing a writing contract for a book on dating instead.

Before she could begin the book, a chain of personal disappointments hit. Her beloved grandmother died; she broke up with her boyfriend; and a job she was counting on failed to materialize. "I felt totally crushed," she said. "I didn't feel I had the energy or ability to write a book to help kids have nice dating lives."

Waggoner's editor suggested that she set aside the dating topic and simply write about what God was teaching her through her problems. Waggoner wrote *Prayers* in one and a half months. "The book was completely born out of experience ... and of the lessons that God taught me," she noted. "It's from my heart."

Full of illustrations and example prayers, *Prayers* is, according to Waggoner, a handbook on the kinds of disappointments that teens face. "In every disappointment, there's a time when you make a decision about how you're going to handle that disappointment," Waggoner explained. "*Prayers* is a simple encouragement for the tough times." The book is already in its second printing.

This two-time Cal Thomas Scholarship recipient hopes to write additional books and expand her speaking ministry. She's excited to see where God leads next and how He will use her. "I want to be a Swiss Army knife for God," she quipped. "I want to keep teaching, learning, and growing."

## Dr. Brown Speaks to University Faculty and Staff

Dr. William E. Brown, future president of Cedarville University, was on hand for the University's annual Faculty/Staff Sessions in mid-August. Brown shared his testimony with the faculty and staff and held special meetings with faculty members. Brown is currently president of Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., a position he has held for the past 10 years. He will become president of Cedarville University in the spring of 2003, as current president Dr. Paul Dixon becomes chancellor.



## Tyler Center Dedicated

The Tyler Digital Communication Center was dedicated on Oct. 11 in the memory of longtime trustee Dr. Donald L. Tyler. Tyler, who died May 8, was a University trustee for 35 years. He retired as senior pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Ind., in 1999. He had attended Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College and was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Cedarville University in 1977.

"Don Tyler's service as a trustee is one of the primary reasons Cedarville University is what it is today," Dr. Paul Dixon said. "His vision for providing young people an education consistent with biblical truth in a quality, thoroughly Christian environment was pivotal in Cedarville's development over the past 35 years."

The Center's dedication was the culmination of a \$5 million renovation that began last fall. The Tyler Digital Communication Center houses

- two 84-seat, tiered classrooms
- two 48-seat classrooms
- three 27-seat classrooms
- four computer-equipped classrooms
- the University's Writing Center, including tutoring facilities
- office space for faculty, computer services personnel, and the development division.

Gifts made in Dr. Tyler's honor should be directed to:

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## Fitness, Recreation, and Health Center Update

Construction continues on Cedarville University's \$12.8 million fitness, recreation, and health facility. The complex will provide the University family with aerobic and anaerobic workout areas, recreation areas, and enhanced classroom and laboratory space for the University's growing athletic training program. The largest feature will be a 60,000 square foot field house that will include a 200-meter track. In addition, the student health center will be located in the new facility.

To watch the construction live and find out more about the new building, visit [www.cedarville.edu/webcam/fitrec](http://www.cedarville.edu/webcam/fitrec). Or, call the Cedarville University Development Offices at 1-800-766-1115 or e-mail [clarkm@cedarville.edu](mailto:clarkm@cedarville.edu).



## Nursing Department Receives Further Accreditation

Cedarville University's Department of Nursing has been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an autonomous, national accreditation agency.

The accreditation is for ten years and no compliance issues were cited.

Cedarville's department of nursing was initially accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) in 1985 and re-accredited in 1993 without any recommendation for improvement. When the CCNE was established in later years as an evaluator of baccalaureate and graduate education programs in nursing, the department of nursing sought out evaluation by this special commission.

Cedarville's outstanding report came after a three-day on-site evaluation. CCNE representatives reviewed a University self-study and interviewed nursing faculty, students, and alumni. They also obtained feedback from non-nursing faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumni to gain information about the University's computer, library, academic, and career services offerings.

Dr. Irene Alyn, chair of the department of nursing, said, "Our goal was to participate in this evaluation process in a way that would bring glory to God, be a strong testimony for Jesus Christ, and demonstrate the excellence of Cedarville University's nursing program. The outstanding report resulted from God's blessing, the excellence of the department of nursing students and faculty, support from Cedarville administrators and other departments, and the outstanding facilities."



## CDR Radio Network ... Celebrating 40 Years: Moving at the Speed of Your Life



## Cedarville Ranked in Regional Top Tier



The editors of *U.S. News & World Report* have ranked Cedarville University in the top tier of regional comprehensive colleges. Factors included in the magazine's evaluations included admissions selectivity and student/faculty ratio. The annual rankings appeared in the magazine's September 23 issue and are also available at [www.USnews.com](http://www.USnews.com), the magazine's Web site.

Cedarville University was ranked at or near the top of the region in standardized test scores and retention of first-year students. It placed highest in the region for the percentage of faculty considered full-time.

"We are pleased that this evaluation of the University's quality and value is a positive one," said Roger Overturf, Cedarville's public relations director.

"Our mission is to offer an education consistent with biblical truth. Our goal is to provide a college experience that combines challenging academics with a stimulating character

development experience in a stirring spiritual atmosphere. We believe this integrative effort provides an excellent preparation for our students' personal, professional, and avocational futures. It is what we term 'The Cedarville Experience,' and it defines what makes a Cedarville education distinctive."

## Cedarville Broadcasters Garner Awards

Dr. Clark Greer, assistant professor of communication arts and media research, and Tim Phipps, a senior broadcasting student, presented award-winning research papers at the recent Broadcast Education Association (BEA) national convention in Las Vegas.

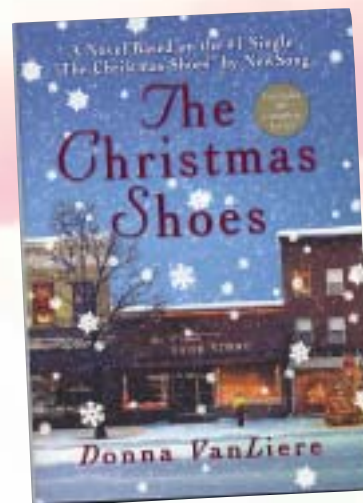
Greer (*below left*) was cited for his research in two separate areas. His first paper, titled "Retooling for the New Millennium: A Content Analysis of Position Announcements for Broadcast-Related Faculty," earned first place in the Courses, Curricula, and Administration open division. The second paper, co-authored by Phipps, was titled "Non-Commercial Religious Radio Stations and the Web: Management Perceptions of an Online Presence." It was recognized in the Broadcast and Internet Radio division.

Greer holds an undergraduate degree from Los Angeles Bible College and graduate degrees from Northwest Baptist Seminary and the University of Southern California. He earned his doctorate from Bowling Green State University. He has been on the Cedarville University faculty since 1999.



Phipps (*shown with Greer*) was the only undergraduate student whose research was accepted by BEA for presentation at the conference.

The Broadcast Education Association is the link between the college professors who teach tomorrow's radio and television employees and the professionals working in the broadcasting industry. The goal is to produce broadcasters with a unique combination of a liberal arts education and the practical skills essential for employment in the radio, television, and electronic media industry.



## Cedarville Grad's Book to Be "Movie of the Week"

Cedarville alumna Donna VanLiere's best-selling novella, *The Christmas Shoes*, has been made into a television "Movie of the Week." The CBS television network will air the movie, starring Rob Lowe (*The West Wing*) and Kimberly Williams (*Father of the Bride*), as a special this upcoming holiday season. VanLiere (*below*), a 1989 Cedarville graduate, wrote the novella, published by St. Martin's Press in October 2001, after being inspired by NewSong's mainstream adult contemporary radio single, "The Christmas Shoes." The single hit #1 in January 2001. Craig Anderson and Beth Grossbard Productions produced the movie. Filming was done in Nova Scotia. Watch your local area listings for dates and times.





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